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Startling Revelations.

A Witness Before the Dispensary Investigating Committee Makes Sensational Charges of Bribery Against Members of Old Board of Control.

Columbia special in yesterday's Charlotte Observer: The most startling revelations that have yet characterized the dispensary investigation were made this morning when the much talked of Newberry situation was entered upon for the first time in a really aggressive manner. Bribery direct and flagrant is charged against ex-Directors Evans, Boykin and Towill. Mr. Towill was but recently married.

C. C. Davis, a Newberry contractor who had worked on ex-Chairman H. H. Evans' fine new house in Newberry, in a cool and somewhat reluctant manner, told of Evans admitting to him that, on various occasions, he had been getting presents of various kinds and great wads of money from the whiskey houses he took care of on the dispensary purchasing board. Evans showed him, on several occasions, big bunches of greenbacks of all sorts of denominations, bills as high, more than one time, as \$1,000 and several of these in each bunch. On one occasion, when witness told Evans a certain door in the house had better be moved, Evans pointed to a beaver hat sitting on the floor full of greenbacks of large denominations, and asked if he did not think that would move it. Evans never did call it rebates or graft, but admitted he got the cash as well as the presents and said they were in consideration of his services on the board to these houses. Among the presents was a handsome suit of furniture with a \$500 poker table among the pieces, which Evans admitted getting as a present from Bluthenthal & Brickert, of Atlanta. Witness denied that Evans told him he bought the big Kinard plantation in Newberry with dispensary graft, and also denied that Evans said he used poker playing as a blind, denied that Evans told him that on one occasion he won \$10,000 in a poker game with some whiskey drummers. A whiskey man, Jonah Loed, told him that, in order to get a showing, he paid Evans \$2 a case on several thousand cases.

The most important part of Davis' testimony was perhaps that involving a direct case of bribery against Evans' associates on the board, John Bell Towill and L. W. Boykin. Witness said Evans told him that Evans was not getting the proper showing for his friends in the purchases and he and Bridge Wilson, of the Richland Distillery here, laid a trap in which they caught

Towill and Boykin. Evans' whiskey friends got Towill and Boykin in a hotel room here and Evans and Wilson, standing on a table in the hallway, saw the other two directors paid the money.

Mr. Davis is regarded as a man of character and worth in Newberry.

E. W. Robertson, president of the National Loan & Exchange Bank and of a number of other Columbia enterprises and interested as director in a number of cotton mills throughout the State, was on the stand to-day. He corroborated the testimony of L. W. Parker, given yesterday, as to Samuel J. Lanahan having Director Boykin as his State middleman, but there was a decided difference as to what Lanahan said about having a middleman now who is a State officer but not connected with the dispensary. Mr. Parker said Mr. Lanahan's statement was made in New York in the presence of Mr. Robertson, but Mr. Robertson did not remember this and thought Mr. Parker must have been mistaken as to this point. The committee yesterday did not insist on Mr. Parker giving the name, although the Supreme Court had just ruled that he could be compelled to answer questions.

Governor Heyward this morning sent a letter to the attorney general saying:

Dear Sir: I see through the public prints that, as a result of the ruling of the Supreme Court, evidence was produced before the investigating committee charging former members of the board of directors of the dispensary with malfeasance and corruption in the discharge of their official duty. I direct this matter to your attention to the end that you promptly cause such prosecution to be instituted as shall be proper and necessary to vindicate the law.

"D. C. Heyward, Governor

Contractor Davis went back on the stand this afternoon. He testified that ex-Chairman Evans told him that the Newberry delegation was lukewarm on the occasion of his reelection but that he "fixed" them all, and bought them mighty cheap. Evans said he bought Senator Blease by employing him as his attorney and that he paid for the balance and got them at bargain prices.

Dr. McIntosh, of the Newberry Savings Bank, was on the stand this afternoon, but he had a poor memory and Mr. Lyon did not get much out of him. He said Evans never did have a cent on deposit in his bank in his own name and he was not asked as to whose name he did have deposits nor the amounts. Mr. Lyon reminded Dr. McIntosh that he had said Evans told him he got the horseshoe diamond cravat pin he wore from a whiskey man, but the doctor could not remember having told Mr. Lyon that. However, if he did

tell him, it was so.

Secretary Wicker, of the Farmers' Oil Mill at Newberry, of which Evans is president, testified that Evans had negotiated a loan of \$20,000 for the mill at five per cent from A. and N. M. Bock, the whiskey men interested in the Richland Distillery and the brewing concern at Macon, Ga. The mill, capitalized at \$40,000, stood for the loan. Interest on the loan is being regularly paid. Mr. Lyon read an affidavit from an insurance man named Norcum, of Marietta, Ga., in which Norcum detailed a conversation he had with members of the Johnson-Chamberlain-Dubose Furniture Company, of Atlanta, who said Bluthenthal & Bickert, of Atlanta, and Evans had together bought the suit of furniture shipped to Newberry to Evans. The furniture people said the deal was a private one and they would not show him the bill, but they intimated that the whiskey concern paid all but \$400 of the bill. The car was valued at over \$3,000, the orders being shipped together.

Ex-Director John Bell Towill, who was here to-day, had a long distance 'phone interview this afternoon with ex-Chairman Evans, who talked from his home in Newberry, immediately following the testimony of Contractor Davis.

A LIE, SAYS EVANS.

"He's a d—d liar from start to finish," came the voice of the man of thousand dollar bills, suits of furniture, silk hats full of money, fine houses and plantations. "And if there weren't some ladies standing here by the 'phone I'd tell you the other thing he is."

Mr. Towill said he never had a single instance of unpleasantness with Mr. Evans the entire time he was on the board with him. He says the story of his being bribed at the hotel is ridiculously false.

"Who was this middleman representing Lanahan before the board the latter part of last year after Mr. Boykin let the the Lanahan interest go?" The Observer correspondent asked Mr. Towill.

"I haven't the slightest idea," Mr. Towill replied. I don't believe Mr. Boykin ever represented Lanahan. It appears to me to be a ridiculous story about Lanahan paying Boykin \$2,000 a year to represent him. If he was paying so much rebates what was the sense to pay him a salary? If he had agreed to so act he would have required more than \$2,000. I think the story is absurd."

A Thought for the Week.

You'll have the satisfaction of knowing that every enemy you make by doing the square thing is a rascal at heart. Don't fear too much the enemy you make by saying No, nor trust too much the friend you make by saying Yes.—Old Gorgon Graham.

Teachers Elected.

The Officers and Teachers of Lancaster's Graded Schools for Next Session—A Word About the New Teachers.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of the Lancaster School District, held Tuesday afternoon, Col. A. R. Banks was unanimously re-elected superintendent of Lancaster's graded schools; Mr. John A. Jenkins, principal of the Central school, and Miss Grace Whisonant, principal of the Cotton Mills school. The election of teachers was deferred until Wednesday afternoon.

At the adjourned meeting, those of the old teachers whose applications were before the board were unanimously reelected, as follows: Mrs. T. Y. Williams, Miss Elvise Foster, Miss Gertrude Foster, Miss Nora Hough, Mr. Joseph K. Connors. There being still two vacancies, Miss Nellie B. Schorb, of Yorkville, and Miss Bessie Harper, of Kingstree, were unanimously elected to fill them.

Miss Ola Culp and Miss Lona Reed, both of Lancaster, were unanimously elected teachers in the Mill school. Miss Culp, who taught successfully in that school a part of the past session, was the only old teacher to make application, excepting, of course, the principal.

As to the new teachers, Miss Schorb is a full graduate of Erskine College, graduating in the class of 1904. Before entering Erskine Miss Schorb graduated with first honor from the Yorkville graded school. For the last two years she has been teaching at Hickory Grove and was offered the same school another year.

Miss Harper was graduated a year ago from Winthrop College, after having completed the full four years' normal course, given at that institution. The past fall and winter Miss Harper taught school at Sampir, S. C.

Miss Reed, the new teacher chosen for the Mill school, is a daughter of our esteemed fellow townsman Mr. John L. Reed. She has just graduated from the Normal and Collegiate Institute, of Asheville, N. C. She acquired considerable experience in teaching in the Model School connected with that institution.

The trustees had something over forty applications before them, and several hours, at each meeting, were spent in giving them earnest consideration and in endeavoring to select for Lancaster's schools the best teachers available. The board feels confident that the patrons and pupils will be well pleased with the selections made.

Little Miss Marie Cornwell spent Saturday in Lancaster with her father, Mr. J. E. Cornwell, who was there on business—Chester Lantern.

Cotton in the State.

Farmers Still Holding the Staple for Better Prices.

Columbia special in Charleston Post: A great amount of cotton is still being held throughout the State for better prices, but it is impossible to accurately estimate how much. Money has been tight all over the State on this account, though recently the country banks have been calling these loans and much cotton had to be released. Most of the cotton in the warehouses in the cities is being held for the mills and is not to be put on the market, but still greater quantities are being held in the farm yards by individuals.

There are nearly 40,000 bales of cotton in Columbia, but less than 10,000 bales of this will be sold, the remainder being held by the mills. About 6,000 bales are being held for sale at Greenwood, it is said.

But many farm yards, particularly in the up country, are covered with cotton. A Columbian in Anderson last week reports seeing 1,500 bales at one farm about 14 miles from the town. That's about \$75,000 worth of cotton. Maj. R. M. Pegues near Cheraw, has 725 bales lying in his yard. A Florence man has 400 bales.

Pertinent Inquiry of North Carolina Newspapers.

Before committing ourselves further to the King Mountain proposition we wish to know whether or not the North Carolina newspapers intend to move the battleground over into North Carolina? Otherwise we prefer to hold on to the battleground and let North Carolina have the monument—just as in the case of Jackson's birthplace.—News and Courier.

Legare, Patterson and Lever Hold their Seats.

Washington, June 6.—The House today disposed finally of the contested election cases in the first, second and seventh congressional election districts of South Carolina by adopting resolutions that Anson Prioleau, Isaac Myers and Charles C. Jacobs were not elected in the districts above mentioned. The sitting members, George S. Legare, J. O. Patterson and A. F. Lever are thus given certificates to their seats.

—The Daughters of the Confederacy will serve ice cream on the courthouse green next Thursday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. The proceeds will go to the monument fund.

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